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Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 1 following line 5, please insert the following:

B1
This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e)(1) of provisional applications Serial No. 60/111,173, filed December 7, 1998; Serial No. 60/142,576, filed July 6, 1999; Serial No. 60/161,653, filed October 21, 1999; and Serial No. 60/165,255, filed November 12, 1999.

On page 11, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 13-18 with the following:

B2
Figs. 1A-1G are a Hopp/Woods hydrophilicity profile of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2. The profile is based on a sliding six-residue window.

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